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Attention: Yvonne M. Horton, Patent Examiner

Dear Sir:

Following receipt of the Official Communication dated November 22nd, 2005, applicant is making a Request for Continued Examination. Please find attached a Request for Continued Examination Form in duplicate together with a Fee Transmittal Form in duplicate.

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Also attached is an amendment in which claims 4, 8, 11, 15 and 16 which the Examiner objected to but held they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form have now been written in independent form. As a result, Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice and appears as independent Claim 20; Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice and appears as independent Claim 21; and Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice and appears as Claim 22; Claim 16 has been amended to recite its dependence on Claim 22; and Claim 17 has been amended to correct the incorrect reference to Claim 20.

The remaining claims have been left unchanged, as they stood prior to the final rejection.

The claims are found beginning on page 3.

The arguments/remarks begin on page 8.